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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
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Regional Environmental Office, Portland {Lead}

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
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CORRECTED DATES

Subject: Notice of Intent to Hold Public Meetings and Soliciting Scoping Comments on the draft EIS for the **Hells Canyon Project**, FERC No. 1971; Washington and Adams Counties in Idaho, and Wallowa and Baker Counties in Oregon
(**ER 06/795**)(Agency deadline: **October 3, 2006**)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has published a NOI to hold public meetings for the subject project. The document was issued on **August 11, 2006**, can be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. An electronic copy of the DEIS can be viewed on FERC's web site at www.ferc.gov, using the "Documents & Filing" link; select "eLibrary" and follow the instructions.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the statement from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise. **Forward your comments (including a "no comment") to the Regional Environmental Office in Portland, Oregon no later than August 29, 2006.**

Regional Environmental Office staff, in conjunction with Regional SOL staff, will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Portland, Oregon by **September 19, 2006**. Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk to the REO.

Related reviews are under ERs 06/763, 06/185, 06/184, 05/925, 05/656, 03/1005, 03/928, 03/681, and 03/641.

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